

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT</b></p> <p>Address to: Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	Attorney Docket No.	MSSM-001
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	First Named Inventor	FILSOUFI, FARZAN
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	Examiner Name	PREBELIC, PAUL B.
Title: "DEVICES AND METHODS FOR REPAIRING CARDIAC VALVES"		

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Continuing Application on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests the entry of this amendment. This amendment amends currently pending claims as examined in the Final Office Action mailed March 15, 2007.

Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number MSSM-001.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.